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## RETAIL PRICES OF FOOD DURING 1917 AND 1918.

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The United States had been technically at war for some months when Congress, in August, 1917, enacted a law "to further provide for the national security and defense by encouraging the production, conserving the supply and controlling the distribution of food products and fuel." Under authority of the act referred to the President created the United States Food Administration and appointed Mr. Herbert Hoover to the supervision and direction of its functions.

The law was comprehensive in its purposes and the functions of the Food Administration in its war-time activities were wide. To safeguard the public interests and insure an efficient administration, the law provided certain regulations restricting many business and commercial practices with which in times of peace the government had not interfered. The President was authorized to license certain kinds of business and to prescribe regulations and practices for systems of accounts and auditing of accounts of licensees; to require the submission of reports by them; the discontinuance of unfair, unjust, discriminating, unreasonable practices, and the entry and inspection of licensees, places of business by authorized agents. Agricultural producers were excepted from the operation of these requirements of the law as were also retailers of products who were not engaged in the wholesale business and whose gross sales did not exceed \$100,000 per annum. Severe penalties were provided for the violation of many of these regulations.

Because of the somewhat unique character of the retail price work of the Statistical Division of the Food Administration it seems desirable to make a permanent record of the summarized results of this line of activity. The outstanding difference between the retail price reporting of the Food Administration and ordinary statistics of such prices lay in the fact that the Food Administration's prices were the prices actually paid by actual consumers, and directly reported by them weekly. The data passed through no intermediate hands interested in the trade.

Though not a mandatory requirement of the Act, one of the fundamental purposes of the Food Administration was to do everything possible to regulate and keep the retail prices of staple articles of food at a minimum to the consumer. The law, as already stated, did not apply to the operations of retailers whose annual gross sales were less than \$100,000, but it was possible to control their prices in no small degree through the direct control which the Food Administration had over licensees. It was planned to keep a close watch of retail prices with the aid of volunteers from among the consumers themselves, through a scheme of weekly reports from a selected number of reliable people in every town and city of 3,000 or more inhabitants. A supply of blank forms, printed and designed for the purpose of conveniently making reports of the current prices of twenty-eight staple food articles charged in his or her respective community on a fixed day of the week, was sent to each of such volunteer reporters. Pursuant to arrangements made with these consumer-reporters, the blanks, properly filled in with the desired data, were regularly mailed back to the Food Administration each week.

The intention in inaugurating this work was to supplement, for reasons of administrative necessity in the Food Administration, the retail price reports of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in respect of the following points:

1. Wider area.
2. More comprehensive list of foods.
3. More frequent intervals (weekly instead of monthly).
4. Reports from consumers instead of dealers.

Valuable assistance in obtaining these volunteer reports

was initially rendered by the Comptroller of the Currency, who sent out to the banks of the country a circular statement of the plan, accompanied by a request that officials and employees of the banks interest themselves in securing the services of one or more volunteer reporters in their respective communities. Aid in securing reliable reporters was also furnished by other persons and officials, including the Food Administrators in the several states. These methods brought very gratifying results both in the number and character of the reporters.

The duties of the volunteer reporters were to visit personally representative grocery stores in their vicinity and obtain the retail prices at which these stores were selling the selected food staples each week. The prices thus ascertained were carefully entered on the forms supplied and then regularly and promptly mailed to the Food Administration. In the majority of cases the prices reported were those taken by the reporter from her own sales slips of goods she had actually purchased.

Promptly after the first week's reports had been received from the reporters in October, 1917, the "Retail Prices" Section of the Statistical Division began the work of assembling the data and tabulating the results. With equal promptitude it prepared a weekly bulletin setting forth these results, accompanied by a study of them. This became the routine work of the section, which grew in volume with the number of reporters and the amplification of the detailed data furnished by them.

The Canadian Food Administration had established a similar retail price collecting service and sometime after the establishment of our service an arrangement was entered into with the Canadian Administration for an exchange of reports. Thereafter the prices reported in the Canadian provinces were included in our weekly and periodical reports. The Canadian price figures, when differently reported, were reduced to the equivalent of prices in our units. Later the work of the section was increased by the preparation of monthly and quarterly reports, in addition to which special reports were from time to time prepared to serve the needs of other governmental officials or bureaus.

From a few clerks and stenographers, the clerical organization engaged in the collection, assembling, and tabulation of the data pertaining to retail prices, grew and expanded until at the time when the work was discontinued the personnel of this branch consisted of about thirty-five people. Its work was constant and often exacting, but the *esprit de corps*, loyalty and enthusiasm of the employees of this branch was probably not excelled by that of any other assemblage of war workers which the emergency drew together in Washington.

For reasons which, in the judgment of the Food Administration, rendered it improper or inexpedient to give full publicity to the retail price data, only limited dissemination of them was made. This was done through the issuance of the regular weekly mimeographed bulletin or through the quarterly and other occasional bulletins. The distribution of these bulletins was never extended to others than heads of the Food Administration in Washington and the State Food Administrators.

Though this division of the Food Administration constantly dealt with specific and definite data and its reports were always expressed in dollars and cents, it is obvious that the results on control of retail prices to the consumer cannot be thus definitely expressed or shown. To those who have had to do with these things, however, either in Washington or in the several states, it is well known that the work of the Food Administration along these lines was highly beneficial and effective in limiting the exaction of excessive prices by the local retailer. Had the Food Administration been invested with wider and more far reaching powers it would have probably been practicable at all times to keep retail prices within reasonable limits. There is abundant testimony in the files of the Food Administration to support this assertion.

The first weekly reports received were for the week of October 6, 1917, when reports were received from 839 reporters representing 798 towns and cities. On September 28, 1918, which marked the close of a year of fifty-two weeks, the work had so increased that reports were received from 1,871 reporters representing 1,305 towns and cities.

The number of reports received, and the number of different cities and towns from which they came are exhibited, for each week during the continuance of the service, in Table A.

TABLE A.

STATEMENT SHOWING NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED AND CITIES AND TOWNS REPRESENTED IN SUCH REPORTS, FOR EACH WEEK FROM OCTOBER 6, 1917 TO DECEMBER 28, 1918.

Week ending	Number of reports	Number of cities and towns	Week ending	Number of reports	Number of cities and towns
1917			1918		
Oct. 6. ....	839	798	May 4. ....	1,795	1,283
13. ....	1,003	815	11. ....	1,881	1,328
20. ....	1,033	826	18. ....	1,948	1,330
27. ....	1,071	805	25. ....	1,918	1,292
Nov. 3. ....	1,029	801	June 1. ....	1,900	1,350
10. ....	1,076	844	8. ....	2,076	1,376
17. ....	1,096	841	15. ....	1,936	1,313
24. ....	1,238	837	22. ....	2,037	1,365
Dec. 1. ....	1,226	904	29. ....	2,103	1,429
8. ....	1,324	990	July 6. ....	2,023	1,386
15. ....	1,479	1,116	13. ....	2,017	1,386
22. ....	1,324	1,027	20. ....	2,012	1,395
29. ....	1,351	1,082	27. ....	2,026	1,387
1918					
Jan. 5. ....	1,461	1,146	Aug. 3. ....	2,021	1,393
12. ....	1,681	1,238	10. ....	1,993	1,369
19. ....	1,746	1,286	17. ....	1,957	1,328
26. ....	1,913	1,412	24. ....	1,957	1,336
Feb. 2. ....	1,871	1,376	31. ....	1,859	1,312
9. ....	1,894	1,373	Sept. 7. ....	1,924	1,353
16. ....	1,875	1,345	14. ....	1,855	1,332
23. ....	1,873	1,394	21. ....	1,859	1,308
Mar. 2. ....	1,836	1,350	28. ....	1,871	1,305
9. ....	1,833	1,338	Oct. 5. ....	1,906	1,405
16. ....	1,846	1,360	12. ....	1,842	1,299
23. ....	1,859	1,431	19. ....	1,857	1,303
30. ....	1,943	1,420	26. ....	1,879	1,325
Apr. 6. ....	1,907	1,357	Nov. 2. ....	1,803	1,273
13. ....	1,915	1,371	9. ....	1,686	1,205
20. ....	1,846	1,291	16. ....	1,604	1,155
27. ....	1,740	1,341	23. ....	1,710	1,124
			30. ....	1,710	1,229
			Dec. 7. ....	1,773	1,293
			14. ....	1,744	1,256
			21. ....	1,463	1,021
			28. ....	1,400	1,030

The utmost pains were taken to ensure the accuracy of the individual reports. Whenever the price returned for a particular article seemed too high or too low, in comparison with other reports from the same or nearby localities, the report was returned for correction or verification and explanation. By this system it is believed that the finally accepted reports had a high degree of accuracy.

The Canadian prices represent reports from fifty-eight cities. Comparison with Canadian prices is impracticable on all articles for which prices are quoted in the United States, either because no prices were quoted by Canada on certain commodities, or if quoted, were quoted on unit bases not readily reduced to the United States unit.

Canada potato prices are omitted because the seasonal production of potatoes in Canada varies so greatly from that in many parts of the United States that it is impracticable to make reliable comparisons.

This report presents statistics for the selected commodities as follows:

Table I—Analysis, by states, of the *highest* and *lowest* average retail prices on 15 of the principal food staples, showing the states quoting *highest* and *lowest* prices the greatest number of weeks, together with the average prices in the United States.

Table II—A comparison for the week ending October 6, 1917, with the week ending September 28, 1918, of average prices on 28 staple foods in the United States and on 22 in Canada, showing also the absolute and percentage increases and decreases in such prices for the year.

Table III—Quarterly averages of prices, together with the yearly averages, for the period beginning with the week ending October 6, 1917, and ending September 28, 1918, on 28 staple food articles in the United States.

Table IV—Statement showing average retail prices on 28 staple food articles in the United States for each month, from October, 1917, to September, 1918, together with the aggregate prices and monthly percentage increases or decreases on all articles combined.

Table V—Statement showing average retail prices for each week from October 6, 1917, to September 28, 1918, on 28 staple food articles in the United States and on 22 in Canada.

Table VI—Statement showing average and relative weekly prices in the United States on 8 selected commodities, beginning with the week ending October 6, 1917, and ending September 28, 1918. (The base period equals the average of October prices taken as 100.)

Table VII—Statement showing average retail prices for each week from October 5, 1918, to December 28, 1918, on 28 staple food articles in the United States and on 22 in Canada.

*Analysis by States of the Highest and Lowest Prices on  
Fifteen of the Principal Food Staples (Table I).*

The highest quotation during the year for a 1-16 bbl. bag of wheat flour was reported by Connecticut, at 95 cents, and the lowest price by Utah, at 64.7 cents. Wheat flour was highest in Florida 21 of the 52 weeks in the year; and lowest in Utah, 32 weeks. The price of a pound loaf of bread was highest in Montana and Nevada, 18 weeks each; and lowest in the District of Columbia, 23 weeks. Cornmeal was highest in Nevada for 34 weeks and lowest in Alabama and Tennessee 25 and 26 weeks, respectively.

The compilation of states reporting highest and lowest meat prices the greatest number of weeks during the year, shows that Nevada reported the highest price on bacon, 21 weeks; Massachusetts and Rhode Island on round steak, 20 and 31 weeks, respectively; and Arizona and the District of Columbia, 13 and 24 weeks, respectively, on pork chops. During the yearly period, Wisconsin and New Hampshire reported the lowest bacon prices, 14 and 21 weeks, respectively; Oregon was lowest on round steak, 44 weeks; and Wisconsin lowest on pork chops, 29 weeks.

Milk has been consistently highest in the southern states, Alabama reporting the highest price for the year, and South Carolina the highest average weekly price the greatest number of times. Wisconsin and South Dakota showed lowest prices 19 and 23 weeks, respectively. Of the other dairy products, butter was highest in Nevada, 15 weeks; cheese in New Mexico, 23 weeks; and eggs in Connecticut, 21 weeks.



Butter was lowest in North Dakota, 34 weeks; cheese in Wisconsin, 15 weeks; and eggs in South Dakota, 21 weeks. The highest price for oleomargarine was quoted from Wyoming, and the lowest from Texas.

West Virginia reported the highest sugar quotations for 10 weeks and Nevada for 20 weeks; lowest sugar prices were reported in the District of Columbia and California, 21 weeks each.

Potatoes were also uniformly highest in the South and lowest in the Western Mountain states. Georgia and South Carolina reported the highest prices the greatest number of times; and Utah and Idaho, the lowest.

An outstanding fact in Table I, is that Nevada quoted highest prices of the year on four commodities: bacon, butter, cheese and rice; and is one of the states quoting the highest price 10 or more weeks on the following commodities: on wheat bread, 18 times; cornmeal, 34 times; sugar, 20 times; bacon, 21 times; lard, 18 times; butter, 15 times; oleomargarine, 10 times; cheese, 10 times; and on rice, 13 times.

*Summary of Changes in Retail Prices for the Year (Table II).*

During the yearly period from the week ending October 6, 1917, to September 28, 1918, 22 commodities increased and 6 decreased in the United States. In Canada, during the same period, 19 commodities increased and 3 decreased. With the exception of milk and fish, all of the comparable commodities which increased in the United States also increased in Canada. The rate of increase was greater in Canada than in the United States upon all of these commodities, except the following five which were greater in the United States: butter, by 15 per cent.; steak, by 9.6 per cent.; cheese, by 4 per cent.; eggs, by 1.9 per cent.; and bacon, by 1.3 per cent. Noticeable percentage increases in the United States were indicated on potatoes, 36.5; on round steak, 30.9; on sliced ham, 28.2; on rice, 24.8; on hens, 24.4; and on butter, 21.1. Increases of over 10 per cent. were also noted on bacon, pork chops, milk, oleomargarine, canned salmon and fresh fish; and of less than 10 per cent. on lard, eggs, cheese, the canned vegetables, onions, sugar, tea and prunes. The decreases were on wheat flour, wheat bread,

cornmeal, oatmeal, beans and coffee. The greatest percentage increase in Canada was on rice, 31.5. Large percentages of increase were also shown on canned corn, 29.6; peas, 26.3; salmon, 25; tomatoes, 20.6; tea, 23.5; oatmeal, 23.1; steak, 21.3; pork chops, 18.8; and bacon, 18.6. Increases of more than 10 per cent. were noted on lard, prunes, sugar and coffee. Increases of less than 10 per cent. were on bread, butter, cheese, eggs, and beans. Wheat flour, milk and fish decreased in price.

In the United States the price per 1-16 bbl. bag of wheat flour (Table II) decreased 3.2 cents during the year, being 86.9 cents, the highest price for the whole year, on October 6, 1917, and 83.7 cents on September 28, 1918. In Canada the price of wheat flour, per 1-16 bbl. bag, decreased 1.9 cents, being 83.4 cents on October 6, and 81.5 cents on September 28.

The decreases noted in the United States were 10.7 per cent. on coffee, 9.2 per cent. on wheat bread, 9.1 per cent. on beans, 5.6 per cent. on bulk oatmeal, 3.7 per cent. on wheat flour, and 2.9 per cent. on cornmeal. The decreases in Canada were on wheat flour, milk and fish; they were all less than 4 per cent.

The aggregate cost of the commodities in the United States, for the unit measures quoted, was \$8.01 on October 6, 1917, and \$8.90 on September 28, 1918. The combined cost of these foodstuffs increased 89 cents, or 11.1 per cent. in a year in the United States and 75.7 cents or 12.3 per cent. in Canada.

*Quarterly Averages for the Year (Table III).*

The price quotations in Table III are quarterly averages, obtained by calculating an average of the thirteen weekly averages in each quarter for each commodity. This table also shows percentage changes from quarter to quarter and the aggregates of the twenty-eight commodities for each quarter.

Of the cereals and cereal products, wheat flour quotations were highest in the first and last quarters of the year; wheat bread prices decreased in each quarter; cornmeal showed the same average in the first three quarters and decreased slightly in the last quarter; oatmeal fluctuated in price, being slightly less in the fourth quarter than in the first; and rice increased steadily in each quarter.

With the exception of pork chops, which decreased in the

second quarter, each quarter showed an increase over the previous quarter in all of the meats listed, the greatest percentage increases being in the last quarter over the third, except for round steak which increased 16.7 per cent. in the third and 8.3 per cent. in the fourth quarter. In the last quarter bacon increased 5.6; ham, 9.5; and pork chops 10.1 per cent.

The average price of milk increased slightly in each quarter, except the third; butter prices increased, except in the third quarter, which showed a decline attributable to seasonal influence; average retail prices of eggs fluctuated, but wholly by reason of seasonal supply and demand; the prices of oleo-margarine indicate a similar trend to butter.

Sugar decreased in the second and third quarters and increased in the fourth.

The canned goods all show slight increases in the last quarter over the first, but canned salmon shows an increase in each quarter, the greatest being in the fourth quarter.

The aggregate of the twenty-eight foodstuffs shows increases for each quarter except the third. The decrease in the third quarter, April 6 to June 29, is due mainly to the seasonal decline in the dairy products.

#### *Monthly Averages for the Year (Table IV).*

Table IV gives prices of 28 staple food articles, month by month, from October, 1917, to September, 1918. The monthly price is made up of four or five weekly prices, the deciding factor as to the month in which a certain week's price belongs being the majority of that week's days in the month.

The aggregate cost of the twenty-eight commodities was highest for the month of September, 1918, at \$8.787 and lowest for the month of April at \$7.985. The greatest percentage of increase in price is shown in July and the greatest percentage of decrease in March. Only in three months are decreases shown in comparison with the preceding months—February, March and April.

Between October, 1917, and September, 1918, 21 commodities show increases and 7 decreases. The greatest percentage increases are on the following: Potatoes, 32.5; round steak,

30; ham, 24.3; hens, 23.6; rice, 22.7; bacon, 15.3; and pork chops, 14.1. The prices which were lower in September, 1918, than in October, 1917, were wheat flour, wheat bread, cornmeal, oatmeal, navy beans, prunes, and coffee. The total increase in the month of September, 1918, over the month of October, 1917, in the combined cost of these commodities was 71.3 cents or 8.8 per cent.

*Summary of Changes in Retail Prices for the Year, Considered Week by Week (Tables V and VI).*

Examination of Table V reveals the fact that in the United States no article shows a continuous rise or fall during the entire period. Sugar declined more steadily, week by week, until the last quarter, and rice increased more steadily than any other commodity.

Of the eight articles for which relative prices are given in Table VI, all show increases except cornmeal. A general downward trend until February 16 is shown in the price of wheat flour, the highest relative figure being 102.5 on October 6 and the lowest 96 on February 9 and 16. For 8 weeks, beginning April 13, the relative figure remained the same, 97.2, and from then most weeks showed an increase until the end of the term. Cornmeal figures were very steady for the entire period. For 18 weeks of the time reported, the relative figure remained 100. In only one week of the year did this commodity vary more than one mill or differ more than 2 mills in any one week from the average for the year. Rice exhibited an almost steady increase from the lowest relative price of 99.1 on October 6 and 13, to the highest relative price of 123.6 on September 21 and 28. From October 27 until July there was a decline in the price of potatoes. A marked increase in price is noted the first week in July, when new potatoes were quoted, as they formed the bulk of the sales. Part B, of Table VI, shows prices for round steak, bacon, pork chops and lard. The meats fluctuated somewhat during the first two quarters and steadily increased the latter two quarters. The ratio of increase was greatest on round steak, the relative price being 99.3 on October 6 and 130 on September 28, an increase of 31 per cent. The next largest meat increase was on bacon, from 97.9 on October 6 to a

relative price of 117.4 on September 28, or 20 per cent. Pork chops increased 17 per cent. and lard 9 per cent.

*Quarterly Report on Retail Prices for Each Week from October 9 to December 28, 1918 (Table VII).*

Table VII is a compilation of average retail prices for each week of the quarter, beginning with the week ending October 5, and ending December 28, 1918, and covers the last three months of weekly reports on retail prices. The figures are not included in the report for the year, which is covered by Table V.

The number of reporters quoting prices for the United States on December 28, was 1,400 and represented 1,030 cities. The comparison of Canadian food prices with those of the United States was discontinued on December 14, as, from that date, the Canadian prices were not forwarded weekly to the Food Administration.

During this period from October 9 to December 28, prices declined in the United States on 11 of the articles listed, increased on 17, and remained the same on 1. The articles which decreased in price were wheat flour, cornmeal, oatmeal, steak, pork chops, lard, potatoes, beans, onions and hens. The increases were shown on rice, bacon, ham, milk, butter, oleomargarine, cheese, eggs, sugar, prunes, canned tomatoes, peas, corn, salmon, fish, tea and coffee. Wheat bread was the same price on October 6 and December 28.

*Conclusion.*

The purpose of this paper is solely to put on record data which may be useful to the future economic historian who wishes to study the course of retail food prices in the United States during our participation in the Great War. The time has probably not come yet for the writing of such a history. In any event the present authors are not economists and have no intention of invading a field so beset with pitfalls for the unwary. What is here presented is simply a record of a certain group of facts, believed to be substantially accurate. A careful study of them will show in many striking ways the almost immediate effect of regulations promulgated by the Food Administration.

TABLE I.

STATEMENT SHOWING ON 15 SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR THE YEAR, FROM THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 6, 1917, TO SEPTEMBER 28, 1918, THE *HIGHEST* AND *LOWEST* AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES AND THE STATES REPORTING SAME, THE STATES QUOTING *HIGHEST* AND *LOWEST* AVERAGE PRICES THE GREATEST NUMBER OF TIMES, TOGETHER WITH THE AVERAGE PRICES FOR THE UNITED STATES.

Commodities	General average retail prices for the year in the United States	Highest State Average Price			Lowest State Average Price		
		For any one week		Quoted greatest number of times	For any one week		Quoted greatest number of times
		State	Price	State	State	Price	State
Wheat flour. . . . . (1/16 bbl. bag)	.831	Connecticut. . . . .	.950	Mississippi. . . . .	Utah. . . . .	\$.647	Idaho. . . . .
Wheat bread. . . . . (lb.)	.102	Arizona. . . . .	.150	Florida. . . . .	District of Columbia. . . . .	.070	Utah. . . . .
		No. Dakota. . . . .		Montana. . . . .			District of Columbia. . . . .
Cornmeal, bulk. . . . . (lb.)	.067	Louisiana. . . . .	.113	Nevada. . . . .	Tennessee. . . . .	.045	Georgia. . . . .
Steak, round. . . . . (lb.)	.329	Rhode Island. . . . .	.537	Massachusetts. . . . .	Oregon. . . . .	.215	Alabama. . . . .
Bacon, sliced. . . . . (lb.)	.498	Nevada. . . . .	.637	Rhode Island. . . . .			Tennessee. . . . .
				Arizona. . . . .	Florida. . . . .	.395	Oregon. . . . .
Pork chops. . . . . (lb.)	.363	District of Columbia. . . . .	.550	Nevada. . . . .			Wisconsin. . . . .
Lard. . . . . (lb.)	.329	New Mexico. . . . .	.400	District of Columbia. . . . .	Wisconsin. . . . .	.281	New Hampshire. . . . .
Milk. . . . . (qt.)	.126	Alabama. . . . .	.180	Nevada. . . . .	Florida. . . . .	.283	Wisconsin. . . . .
				Florida. . . . .	Oklahoma. . . . .	.088	New Mexico. . . . .
				So. Carolina. . . . .	Utah. . . . .		Wisconsin. . . . .
							So. Dakota. . . . .

TABLE I—(Continued).  
STATEMENT SHOWING ON 15 SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR THE YEAR, FROM THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 6, 1917, TO SEPTEMBER 28, 1918, THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES AND THE STATES REPORTING SAME, THE STATES QUOTING HIGHEST AND LOWEST AVERAGE PRICES THE GREATEST NUMBER OF TIMES, TOGETHER WITH THE AVERAGE PRICES FOR THE UNITED STATES.

Commodities	General average retail prices for the year in the United States	Highest State Average Price			Lowest State Average Price		
		For any one week		Quoted greatest number of times	For any one week		Quoted greatest number of times
		State	Price		State	Price	
Butter.....(lb.)	.526	Nevada.....	.703	Arizona..... West Virginia... Nevada.....	No. Dakota... No. Dakota... Texas.....	\$ 382 . .200	No. Dakota... Rhode Island... District of Columbia...
Oleomargarine.....(lb.)	.352	Wyoming.....	.475	Nevada..... Oregon..... So. Carolina.....	Wisconsin.....	.297	New Hampshire Utah..... Wisconsin.....
Cheese.....(lb.)	.350	Nevada.....	.436	Nevada..... West Virginia... New Mexico.....	Wisconsin.....	.260	No. Dakota... So. Dakota... District of Columbia...
Eggs.....(doz.)	.476	Connecticut.....	.838	Massachusetts... Rhode Island... Connecticut.....	Alabama.....	.082	California.....
Sugar.....(lb.)	.096	Montana.....	.116	West Virginia... Nevada.....	Utah.....	.153	Idaho.....
Potatoes.....(pk.)	.453	No. Dakota.....	.800	Georgia..... So. Carolina.....	West Virginia... Nevada..... Montana.....	.090	Louisiana..... California..... Utah.....
Rice.....(lb.)	.120	Nevada.....	.155				

TABLE II.

A COMPARISON OF AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 6, 1917, WITH THOSE FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 28, 1918, ON 28 STAPLE FOODS IN THE UNITED STATES AND ON 22 IN CANADA, TOGETHER WITH THE INCREASES AND DECREASES FOR THE YEAR.

Commodities	United States				Canada			
	Week ending		Increases (+) or decreases (-)		Week ending		Increases (+) or decreases (-)	
	Oct. 6 1917	Sept. 28, 1918	Absol- ute	Per cent	Oct. 6 1917	Sept. 28, 1918	Absol- ute	Per cent
Wheat flour (1/16 bbl. bag)	\$ .869	\$ .837	\$ - .032	-3.7	\$ .834	\$ .815	\$ - .019	-2.3
Wheat bread . . . (lb.)	.109	.099	- .010	-9.2	.072	.079	+.007	+9.7
Cornmeal, bulk. (lb.)	.068	.066	- .002	-2.9	*	*	*	*
Oatmeal, bulk. (lb.)	.089	.084	- .005	-5.6	.065	.080	+.015	+23.1
Rice . . . . . (lb.)	.109	.136	+.027	+24.8	.092	.121	+.029	+31.5
Steak, round. . . (lb.)	.291	.381	+.090	+30.9	.286	.347	+.061	+21.3
Bacon, sliced. . . (lb.)	.462	.554	+.092	+19.9	.451	.535	+.084	+18.6
Ham, sliced. . . (lb.)	.397	.509	+.112	+28.2	*	*	*	*
Pork chops . . . (lb.)	.368	.430	+.062	+16.8	.355	.398	+.063	+18.8
Lard . . . . . (lb.)	.308	.336	+.028	+9.1	.312	.369	+.057	+18.3
Milk . . . . . (qt.)	.116	.133	+.017	+14.7	.105	.101	-.004	-3.8
Butter . . . . . (lb.)	.511	.619	+.108	+21.1	.495	.525	+.030	+6.1
Oleomargarine. . (lb.)	.324	.367	+.043	+13.3	*	*	*	*
Cheese . . . . . (lb.)	.348	.368	+.020	+5.7	.302	.307	+.005	+1.7
Eggs . . . . . (doz.)	.482	.529	+.047	+9.7	.514	.554	+.040	+7.8
Sugar . . . . . (lb.)	.098	.102	+.004	+4.1	.106	.119	+.013	+12.3
Potatoes . . . . . (pk.)	.419	.572	+.153	+36.5	*	*	*	*
Beans, navy. . . (lb.)	.187	.179	- .017	-9.1	.165	.168	+.003	+1.8
Onions . . . . . (lb.)	.049	.053	+.004	+8.2	*	*	*	*
Prunes . . . . . (lb.)	.171	.173	+.002	+1.2	.159	.183	+.024	+15.1
Tomatoes . . . (2 can)	.168	.173	+.005	+3.0	.141	.170	+.029	+20.6
Peas . . . . . (2 can)	.175	.187	+.012	+6.9	.160	.202	+.042	+26.3
Corn . . . . . (2 can)	.175	.183	+.008	+4.6	.189	.245	+.056	+29.6
Salmon . . . . . (1 can)	.272	.308	+.036	+13.2	.264	.330	+.066	+25.0
Fish . . . . . (lb.)	.227	.256	+.029	+12.8	.180	.174	-.006	-3.3
Hens . . . . . (lb.)	.279	.347	+.068	+24.4	*	*	*	*
Tea . . . . . (lb.)	.616	.640	+.024	+3.9	.493	.609	+.116	+23.5
Coffee . . . . . (lb.)	.318	.284	- .034	-10.7	.405	.451	+.046	+11.3
Aggregates . . .	\$8.005	\$8.896	\$+.891	+11.1	\$6.125	\$6.882	\$+.757	+12.3

\*Indicates commodities on which comparison of United States and Canadian prices is impracticable.



TABLE III.

YEARLY AND QUARTERLY AVERAGES OF RETAIL PRICES IN THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 28, 1918.

Average price for:	Wheat flour 1/16 bbl. bag		Wheat bread lb.		Cornmeal, bulk lb.		Oatmeal, bulk lb.		Rice lb.	
	Abso- lute	Per* cent	Abso- lute	Per cent	Abso- lute	Per cent	Abso- lute	Per cent	Abso- lute	Per cent
<i>The year</i> .....	\$ .829		\$ .102		\$ .067		\$ .087		\$ .120	
The quarters:										
1st. October 6 to December 29, 1917..	.836		.106		.068		.088		.111	
2nd. January 5 to March 30, 1918.....	.821	-1.8	.102	-3.8	.068	.....	.088	.....	.116	+4.5
3rd. April 6 to June 29, 1918 .....	.824	+0.4	.100	-2.0	.068	.....	.090	+2.3	.120	+3.4
4th. July 6 to September 28, 1919 .	.835	+1.3	.099	-1.0	.066	-2.9	.085	-5.5	.131	+9.2

  

Average price for:	Steak, round lb.		Bacon, sliced lb.		Ham, sliced lb.		Pork chops lb.		Lard lb.	
	Abso- lute	Per cent	Abso- lute	Per cent	Abso- lute	Per cent	Abso- lute	Per cent	Abso- lute	Per cent
<i>The year</i> .....	\$ .329		\$ .498		\$ .437		\$ .363		\$ .329	
The quarters:										
1st. October 6 to December 29, 1917..	.291		.478		.406		.356		.322	
2nd. January 5 to March 30, 1918.....	.299	+2.7	.488	+2.1	.417	+2.7	.344	-3.4	.33.2	+3.1
3rd. April 6 to June 29, 1918 .....	.349	+16.7	.499	+2.3	.441	+5.7	.358	+4.1	.331	-0.3
4th. July 6 to September 28, 1918 .	.378	+8.3	.527	+5.6	.483	+9.5	.394	+10.1	.331	.....

  

Average price for:	Milk qt.		Butter lb.		Oleomar- garine lb.		Cheese lb.		Eggs doz.	
	Abso- lute	Per cent	Abso- lute	Per cent	Abso- lute	Per cent	Abso- lute	Per cent	Abso- lute	Per cent
<i>The year</i> .....	\$ .126		\$ .526		\$ .352		\$ .350		\$ .476	
The quarters:										
1st. October 6 to December 29, 1917..	.122		.516		.348		.350		.524	
2nd. January 5 to March 30, 1918.....	.127	+4.1	.546	+5.8	.355	+2.0	.354	+1.1	.527	+0.6
3rd. April 6 to June 29, 1918 .....	.127	.....	.501	-8.2	.351	-1.1	.345	-2.5	.386	-26.7
4th. July 6 to September 28, 1918 .	.129	+1.6	.540	+7.8	.355	+1.1	.350	+1.4	.466	-20.7

\* Per cent of increase (+) or decrease (-) compared with the preceding quarter.

TABLE III.—(Continued.)

YEARLY AND QUARTERLY AVERAGES OF RETAIL PRICES IN THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 28, 1918.

Average price for:	Sugar lb.		Potatoes pk.		Beans, navy lb.		Onions lb.		Prunes lb.	
	Absolute	*Per cent	Absolute	Per cent	Absolute	Per cent	Absolute	Per cent	Absolute	Per cent
<i>The Year</i> .....	\$.096		\$.453		\$.179		\$.052		\$.169	
<i>The quarters:</i>										
1st. October 6 to December 29, 1917 .....	.099		.440		.186		.051		.172	
2nd. January 5 to March 30, 1918 ..	.096	-3.0	.426	-3.2	.182	-2.1	.052	+2.0	.169	-1.7
3rd. April 6 to June 29, 1918 ...	.093	-3.1	.332	-22.1	.178	-2.2	.050	-3.8	.168	-0.6
4th. July 6 to September 28, 1918 .....	.096	+3.2	.580	+74.7	.172	-3.4	.056	+12.0	.168	.....

  

Average price for:	Canned tomatoes No. 2 can		Canned peas No. 2 can		Canned corn No. 2 can		Canned salmon No. 1 can		Fish, fresh lb.	
	Absolute	Per cent	Absolute	Per cent	Absolute	Per cent	Absolute	Per cent	Absolute	Per cent
<i>The year</i> .....	\$.166		\$.178		\$.173		\$.282		\$.247	
<i>The quarters:</i>										
1st. October 6 to December 29, 1917 .....	.165		.176		.174		.272		.235	
2nd. January 5 to March 30, 1918 ..	.163	-1.2	.177	+0.6	.171	-1.7	.274	+0.7	.258	+9.8
3rd. April 6 to June 29, 1918 ...	.165	+1.2	.177	.....	.172	+0.6	.281	+2.5	.246	-4.7
4th. July 6 to September 28, 1918 .....	.169	+2.4	.181	+2.3	.177	+2.9	.301	+7.1	.251	+2.0

  

Average price for:	Hens lb.		Tea lb.		Coffee lb.		AGGREGATES	
	Absolute	Per cent	Absolute	Per cent	Absolute	Per cent	Absolute	Per cent
<i>The year</i> .....	\$.323		\$.626		\$.304		\$8.239	
<i>The quarters:</i>								
1st. October 6 to December 29, 1917 .....	.282		.621		.318		8.113	
2nd. January 5 to March 30, 1918 ..	.319	+13.1	.626	+0.8	.315	-0.9	8.212	+ .012
3rd. April 6 to June 29, 1918 ...	.344	+7.8	.626	.....	.300	-4.8	8.022	- .023
4th. July 6 to September 28, 1918 .....	.347	+0.9	.630	+0.6	.284	-5.3	8.581	+ .070

\* Per cent of increase (+) or decrease (-) compared with the preceding quarter.

TABLE IV.

A MONTHLY COMPARISON OF AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE YEARLY PERIOD, OCTOBER 1917 TO SEPTEMBER 1918, INCLUSIVE, ON 28 STAPLE FOOD ARTICLES.

Commodities	Average monthly prices*											
	1917			1918								
	Octo-ber	Novem-ber	Decem-ber	Janu-ary	Febru-ary	March	April	May	June	July	August	Septem-ber
Wheat flour, (1/16 pbl. bag)	\$ .848	\$ .834	\$ .823	\$ .821	\$ .818	\$ .825	\$ .823	\$ .824	\$ .827	\$ .831	\$ .837	\$ .837
Wheat bread, (16 oz.)	108	107	103	103	102	102	100	100	100	999	999	999
Ornmeal, bulk, (lb.)	.068	.068	.068	.068	.068	.069	.069	.069	.066	.066	.066	.066
Oatmeal, bulk, (lb.)	.088	.088	.087	.088	.087	.088	.091	.092	.086	.085	.085	.085
Rice, (lb.)	110	111	112	114	116	118	119	119	124	128	133	135
Steak, round, (lb.)	.293	.289	.289	.284	.299	.304	.323	.350	.375	.376	.376	.381
Bacon, sliced, (lb.)	.472	.480	.485	.490	.491	.493	.491	.498	.509	.514	.527	.544
Ham, sliced, (lb.)	.404	.406	.410	.415	.419	.419	.428	.437	.460	.469	.483	.502
Pork chops, (lb.)	.369	.351	.346	.347	.343	.341	.349	.358	.368	.373	.394	.421
Lard, (lb.)	.312	.325	.332	.332	.333	.332	.333	.332	.329	.328	.331	.335
Milk, (qt.)	.118	.123	.126	.127	.127	.128	.127	.127	.126	.127	.129	.132
Butter, (lb.)	.510	.511	.527	.547	.557	.553	.503	.500	.502	.515	.531	.579
Oleomargarine, (lb.)	.343	.349	.353	.356	.358	.351	.352	.351	.350	.352	.354	.361
Cheese, (lb.)	.350	.347	.352	.352	.356	.353	.349	.346	.341	.342	.349	.360
Eggs, (doz.)	.493	.527	.561	.609	.554	.397	.383	.384	.391	.430	.467	.510
Sugar, (lb.)	.098	.099	.098	.097	.098	.094	.093	.093	.093	.094	.095	.099
Potatoes, (pk.)	.434	.449	.441	.436	.436	.392	.336	.322	.456	.595	.567	.575
Beans, navy, (lb.)	.188	.185	.184	.184	.182	.182	.180	.178	.176	.173	.173	.171
Onions, (lb.)	.051	.051	.052	.053	.049	.049	.045	.050	.055	.057	.057	.055
Prunes, (lb.)	.173	.172	.170	.170	.169	.169	.169	.169	.164	.165	.168	.171
Tomatoes, (No. 2 can)	.168	.166	.165	.162	.163	.165	.166	.167	.163	.166	.169	.172
Peas, (No. 2 can)	.177	.177	.176	.177	.177	.175	.178	.178	.177	.178	.181	.185
Corn, (No. 1 can)	.171	.173	.171	.171	.170	.172	.172	.173	.172	.174	.177	.181
Salmon, (lb.)	.271	.271	.274	.275	.277	.272	.274	.277	.293	.298	.301	.305
Fish, (lb.)	.231	.234	.242	.257	.261	.257	.252	.244	.241	.249	.249	.255
Tea, (lb.)	.284	.279	.283	.288	.323	.342	.350	.341	.340	.343	.349	.351
Hens, (lb.)	.617	.618	.629	.631	.627	.631	.625	.625	.622	.625	.630	.636
Coffee, (lb.)	.318	.317	.319	.320	.319	.306	.305	.305	.288	.284	.284	.284
Aggregates	\$8.074	\$8.105	\$8.173	\$8.298	\$8.284	\$8.037	\$7.985	\$8.013	\$8.194	\$8.436	\$8.561	\$8.787
Percentage of increase (+) or decrease (-) compared with the previous month	+0.4		+0.8	+1.5	-0.2	-3.0	-0.6	+0.3	+2.3	+2.9	+1.5	+2.6

\* The monthly averages are made up of the averages of four or five weekly averages. The deciding factor as to what month a certain week's price belongs in, being the month which has the majority of days.

TABLE V.

STATEMENT SHOWING AVERAGE OF PRICES WEEK BY WEEK DURING THE ANNUAL PERIOD FROM THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 6, 1917, TO SEPTEMBER 28, 1918, ON 28 STAPLE FOOD ARTICLES IN THE UNITED STATES AND ON 22 IN CANADA.

Average price for	Wheat flour 1/16 bbl. bag		Wheat bread lb.		Cornmeal, bulk lb.		Oatmeal, bulk lb.		Rice lb.	
	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada
The year	\$.829	\$.822	\$.102	\$.076	\$.067	*	\$.087	\$.075	\$.120	\$.106
Week ending 1917										
Oct. 6	.869	.834	.109	.072	.068	....	.089	.065	.109	.092
Oct. 13	.839	.824	.106	.073	.069	....	.090	.065	.109	.092
Oct. 20	.839	.824	.109	.073	.068	....	.089	.065	.110	.092
Oct. 27	.849	.824	.108	.074	.068	....	.088	.065	.111	.092
Nov. 3	.844	.824	.109	.073	.068	....	.088	.065	.110	.093
Nov. 10	.834	.819	.108	.075	.068	....	.088	.067	.110	.095
Nov. 17	.834	.814	.107	.074	.067	....	.089	.066	.112	.094
Nov. 24	.834	.819	.108	.075	.069	....	.088	.066	.111	.095
Dec. 1	.834	.819	.105	.075	.068	....	.088	.067	.112	.095
Dec. 8	.824	.819	.105	.075	.068	....	.087	.067	.112	.095
Dec. 15	.824	.814	.104	.075	.068	....	.087	.067	.113	.096
Dec. 22	.824	.819	.102	.075	.068	....	.087	.069	.112	.097
Dec. 29	.819	.819	.103	.072	.068	....	.087	.069	.112	.096
1918										
Jan. 5	.824	.819	.102	.075	.068	....	.088	.069	.114	.097
Jan. 12	.819	.819	.103	.075	.068	....	.088	.070	.114	.098
Jan. 19	.819	.819	.103	.075	.069	....	.088	.070	.114	.099
Jan. 26	.819	.819	.103	.076	.068	....	.088	.071	.114	.100
Feb. 2	.824	.819	.102	.076	.068	....	.087	.073	.115	.100
Feb. 9	.814	.814	.102	.075	.067	....	.087	.074	.115	.100
Feb. 16	.814	.814	.102	.075	.068	....	.087	.074	.115	.101
Feb. 23	.824	.814	.103	.075	.068	....	.088	.075	.117	.100
Mar. 2	.819	.814	.102	.075	.069	....	.087	.076	.116	.102
Mar. 9	.824	.814	.102	.076	.069	....	.088	.076	.117	.103
Mar. 16	.829	.839	.102	.076	.069	....	.088	.077	.118	.103
Mar. 23	.824	.844	.103	.076	.069	....	.088	.078	.118	.103
Mar. 30	.824	.849	.101	.077	.069	....	.089	.078	.118	.105
Apr. 6	.819	.849	.102	.078	.069	....	.090	.079	.118	.105
Apr. 13	.824	.844	.100	.078	.071	....	.093	.079	.119	.106
Apr. 20	.824	.844	.099	.078	.069	....	.090	.080	.120	.107
Apr. 27	.824	.844	.099	.076	.069	....	.091	.075	.119	.110
May 4	.824	.844	.099	.078	.069	....	.091	.080	.120	.110
May 11	.824	.844	.103	.078	.069	....	.092	.079	.121	.110
May 18	.824	.844	.099	.078	.069	....	.092	.080	.121	.111
May 25	.824	.844	.100	.078	.068	....	.092	.081	.121	.111
June 1	.824	.839	.100	.078	.068	....	.092	.080	.122	.112
June 8	.828	.810	.103	.078	.067	....	.086	.080	.123	.112
June 15	.820	.813	.099	.078	.066	....	.087	.081	.123	.114
June 22	.831	.810	.099	.078	.065	....	.085	.081	.125	.115
June 29	.828	.808	.099	.078	.066	....	.087	.080	.125	.115
July 6	.827	.808	.099	.077	.067	....	.085	.080	.126	.117
July 13	.828	.805	.099	.079	.065	....	.084	.080	.127	.116
July 20	.831	.809	.100	.078	.066	....	.085	.080	.128	.117
July 27	.833	.814	.099	.077	.065	....	.084	.080	.129	.116
Aug. 3	.836	.812	.100	.077	.067	....	.085	.081	.129	.118
Aug. 10	.836	.809	.099	.078	.066	....	.085	.081	.131	.119
Aug. 17	.837	.809	.099	.078	.067	....	.085	.080	.132	.118
Aug. 24	.839	.808	.099	.078	.066	....	.084	.081	.133	.120
Aug. 31	.837	.807	.099	.078	.066	....	.085	.081	.134	.119
Sept. 7	.840	.805	.098	.079	.066	....	.084	.081	.134	.120
Sept. 14	.836	.814	.099	.078	.066	....	.086	.081	.135	.121
Sept. 21	.834	.813	.099	.079	.066	....	.084	.081	.136	.122
Sept. 28	.837	.815	.099	.079	.066	....	.084	.080	.136	.121

\* Indicates no quotations from Canada.

TABLE V—(Continued.)

STATEMENT SHOWING AVERAGE OF PRICES WEEK BY WEEK DURING THE ANNUAL PERIOD FROM THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 6, 1917, TO SEPTEMBER 28, 1918, ON 28 STAPLE FOOD ARTICLES IN THE UNITED STATES AND ON 22 IN CANADA.

Average price for	Round steak lb.		Bacon lb.		Ham lb.		Pork chops lb.		Lard lb.	
	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada
The year	\$.329	\$.318	\$.498	\$.504	\$.437	*	\$.363	\$.373	\$.329	\$.347
Week Ending 1917										
Oct. 6	.291	.286	.462	.451	.397	....	.368	.335	.308	.312
Oct. 13	.295	.286	.468	.455	.402	....	.375	.339	.311	.317
Oct. 20	.294	.286	.475	.461	.405	....	.371	.342	.313	.319
Oct. 27	.292	.286	.478	.465	.412	....	.368	.345	.314	.319
Nov. 3	.292	.286	.478	.467	.405	....	.362	.343	.315	.321
Nov. 10	.289	.283	.479	.469	.404	....	.353	.346	.318	.329
Nov. 17	.290	.284	.477	.472	.405	....	.352	.348	.324	.323
Nov. 24	.290	.285	.483	.469	.407	....	.352	.346	.327	.324
Dec. 1	.288	.283	.481	.472	.408	....	.348	.346	.331	.329
Dec. 8	.288	.285	.483	.472	.409	....	.347	.349	.332	.328
Dec. 15	.289	.284	.482	.473	.411	....	.346	.345	.332	.329
Dec. 22	.290	.285	.484	.473	.410	....	.346	.345	.333	.329
Dec. 29	.289	.286	.489	.475	.409	....	.346	.344	.332	.329
1918										
Jan. 5	.290	.286	.489	.475	.413	....	.350	.346	.334	.333
Jan. 12	.292	.290	.488	.475	.412	....	.346	.345	.332	.335
Jan. 19	.294	.291	.488	.477	.415	....	.346	.350	.332	.333
Jan. 26	.295	.291	.491	.479	.417	....	.345	.353	.331	.335
Feb. 2	.298	.292	.493	.482	.419	....	.347	.356	.333	.335
Feb. 9	.298	.294	.492	.483	.418	....	.345	.353	.333	.338
Feb. 16	.298	.297	.491	.485	.417	....	.343	.358	.333	.337
Feb. 23	.300	.298	.488	.489	.419	....	.344	.361	.332	.337
Mar. 1	.301	.299	.491	.491	.423	....	.342	.361	.333	.339
Mar. 9	.301	.300	.482	.494	.419	....	.339	.360	.331	.339
Mar. 16	.303	.301	.482	.496	.415	....	.341	.364	.332	.341
Mar. 23	.305	.298	.486	.497	.419	....	.343	.364	.332	.343
Mar. 30	.307	.303	.484	.499	.421	....	.343	.365	.332	.347
Apr. 6	.311	.304	.488	.499	.422	....	.344	.369	.333	.348
Apr. 13	.317	.307	.490	.511	.427	....	.347	.376	.333	.348
Apr. 20	.329	.308	.494	.510	.431	....	.350	.379	.333	.347
Apr. 27	.335	.311	.494	.514	.432	....	.353	.379	.334	.348
May 4	.343	.317	.496	.518	.433	....	.355	.382	.332	.352
May 11	.345	.331	.494	.524	.434	....	.356	.391	.332	.356
May 18	.351	.336	.497	.529	.437	....	.359	.394	.333	.359
May 25	.354	.344	.496	.534	.437	....	.359	.396	.331	.366
June 1	.357	.349	.502	.534	.445	....	.361	.399	.331	.362
June 8	.365	.351	.508	.535	.459	....	.365	.399	.330	.368
June 15	.377	.352	.507	.535	.455	....	.369	.399	.329	.367
June 22	.379	.362	.511	.538	.463	....	.368	.402	.327	.370
June 29	.379	.367	.511	.537	.463	....	.371	.402	.330	.368
July 6	.377	.365	.512	.537	.465	....	.370	.399	.327	.368
July 13	.378	.367	.511	.536	.467	....	.372	.401	.328	.368
July 20	.378	.366	.514	.538	.468	....	.375	.399	.329	.368
July 27	.374	.364	.514	.537	.471	....	.377	.398	.327	.368
Aug. 3	.375	.361	.519	.541	.472	....	.381	.399	.329	.371
Aug. 10	.377	.360	.522	.541	.477	....	.386	.401	.328	.369
Aug. 17	.374	.359	.524	.542	.481	....	.391	.400	.330	.367
Aug. 24	.377	.362	.527	.542	.485	....	.399	.400	.332	.369
Aug. 31	.377	.358	.533	.544	.488	....	.401	.401	.333	.370
Sept. 7	.380	.356	.534	.541	.491	....	.409	.401	.333	.369
Sept. 14	.380	.351	.541	.539	.500	....	.418	.399	.335	.367
Sept. 21	.382	.352	.548	.544	.507	....	.426	.402	.336	.369
Sept. 28	.381	.347	.554	.535	.509	....	.430	.398	.336	.369

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Average price for	Milk qt.		Butter lb.		Oleomargarine lb.		Cheese lb.		Eggs doz.	
	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada
The year	\$.126	\$.098	\$.526	\$.522	\$.352	*	\$.350	\$.305	\$.476	\$.542
Week ending 1917										
Oct. 6	.116	.087	.511	.495	.324	....	.348	.302	.482	.514
Oct. 13	.118	.089	.510	.499	.347	....	.349	.303	.488	.534
Oct. 20	.117	.090	.511	.505	.349	....	.351	.303	.490	.547
Oct. 27	.118	.091	.510	.508	.346	....	.351	.303	.498	.563
Nov. 3	.121	.091	.510	.511	.350	....	.352	.303	.508	.562
Nov. 10	.123	.095	.510	.513	.349	....	.351	.301	.512	.606
Nov. 17	.121	.097	.509	.512	.353	....	.350	.301	.514	.584
Nov. 24	.123	.097	.513	.513	.351	....	.351	.301	.537	.596
Dec. 1	.123	.097	.513	.513	.351	....	.352	.301	.543	.606
Dec. 8	.125	.097	.515	.513	.350	....	.352	.301	.551	.613
Dec. 15	.127	.098	.525	.513	.352	....	.351	.303	.557	.608
Dec. 22	.126	.098	.531	.511	.354	....	.352	.303	.563	.616
Dec. 29	.125	.098	.537	.510	.358	....	.352	.331	.574	.609
1918										
Jan. 5	.127	.098	.539	.513	.354	....	.351	.301	.590	.623
Jan. 12	.127	.098	.543	.513	.355	....	.352	.303	.593	.625
Jan. 19	.126	.099	.547	.512	.355	....	.352	.304	.610	.632
Jan. 26	.126	.099	.553	.513	.358	....	.352	.304	.623	.632
Feb. 2	.127	.099	.555	.516	.357	....	.354	.305	.631	.640
Feb. 9	.127	.099	.556	.522	.357	....	.353	.304	.618	.643
Feb. 16	.126	.099	.557	.525	.359	....	.355	.305	.573	.640
Feb. 23	.128	.099	.556	.534	.357	....	.357	.304	.545	.642
Mar. 2	.127	.098	.557	.540	.359	....	.358	.305	.480	.647
Mar. 9	.128	.099	.546	.537	.352	....	.353	.306	.410	.621
Mar. 16	.128	.099	.539	.543	.352	....	.354	.303	.394	.587
Mar. 23	.128	.099	.528	.545	.352	....	.354	.303	.394	.543
Mar. 30	.128	.099	.517	.549	.350	....	.353	.304	.390	.520
Apr. 6	.127	.100	.509	.549	.352	....	.352	.304	.385	.499
Apr. 13	.127	.100	.504	.547	.351	....	.350	.304	.383	.481
Apr. 20	.127	.099	.496	.548	.350	....	.349	.304	.382	.461
Apr. 27	.128	.100	.503	.548	.355	....	.346	.306	.382	.448
May 4	.128	.100	.501	.545	.351	....	.348	.305	.384	.442
May 11	.126	.100	.501	.541	.352	....	.346	.304	.384	.439
May 18	.127	.100	.501	.533	.351	....	.346	.303	.386	.435
May 25	.125	.099	.498	.532	.351	....	.344	.303	.383	.442
June 1	.127	.100	.499	.526	.351	....	.344	.303	.383	.445
June 8	.126	.099	.501	.522	.351	....	.342	.304	.385	.446
June 15	.125	.099	.498	.513	.352	....	.341	.304	.386	.447
June 22	.126	.099	.503	.514	.349	....	.339	.305	.392	.444
June 29	.126	.099	.506	.508	.349	....	.341	.306	.399	.457
July 6	.126	.098	.509	.510	.351	....	.340	.307	.408	.463
July 13	.127	.099	.512	.513	.351	....	.340	.306	.422	.477
July 20	.127	.098	.513	.512	.352	....	.342	.305	.433	.492
July 27	.127	.098	.518	.514	.351	....	.343	.305	.441	.491
Aug. 3	.129	.098	.522	.519	.353	....	.344	.307	.447	.513
Aug. 10	.129	.099	.524	.522	.353	....	.346	.309	.454	.527
Aug. 17	.129	.099	.528	.519	.353	....	.349	.308	.462	.525
Aug. 24	.131	.100	.533	.527	.355	....	.349	.309	.473	.537
Aug. 31	.129	.100	.539	.524	.356	....	.353	.308	.479	.537
Sept. 7	.131	.100	.546	.525	.355	....	.354	.309	.492	.544
Sept. 14	.132	.101	.562	.523	.360	....	.358	.307	.501	.542
Sept. 21	.133	.103	.591	.529	.363	....	.361	.310	.517	.557
Sept. 28	.133	.101	.619	.525	.367	....	.368	.307	.529	.554

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Average price for	Sugar lb.		Potatoes pk.		Beans lb.		Onions lb.		Prunes lb.	
	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada
The year	\$.096	\$.108	\$.453	*	\$.179	\$.168	\$.052	*	\$.169	\$.173
Week ending 1917										
Oct. 6	.098	.106	.419	....	.187	.165	.049	....	.171	.159
Oct. 13	.098	.106	.420	....	.187	.166	.051	....	.172	.160
Oct. 20	.098	.106	.433	....	.188	.167	.051	....	.176	.162
Oct. 27	.099	.106	.447	....	.189	.167	.051	....	.173	.162
Nov. 3	.099	.107	.449	....	.189	.167	.052	....	.174	.164
Nov. 10	.099	.107	.448	....	.186	.164	.051	....	.172	.164
Nov. 17	.099	.107	.451	....	.185	.162	.051	....	.171	.165
Nov. 24	.099	.108	.451	....	.186	.163	.051	....	.173	.164
Dec. 1	.099	.107	.445	....	.185	.164	.052	....	.172	.164
Dec. 8	.098	.107	.442	....	.184	.164	.052	....	.170	.164
Dec. 15	.099	.108	.440	....	.186	.163	.052	....	.172	.169
Dec. 22	.098	.108	.439	....	.182	.164	.052	....	.168	.171
Dec. 29	.098	.108	.441	....	.184	.165	.052	....	.169	.172
1918										
Jan. 5	.098	.108	.442	....	.185	.165	.052	....	.170	.170
Jan. 12	.098	.107	.442	....	.184	.164	.053	....	.170	.169
Jan. 19	.097	.107	.444	....	.183	.167	.053	....	.171	.173
Jan. 26	.097	.106	.444	....	.183	.167	.053	....	.170	.173
Feb. 2	.097	.106	.450	....	.183	.169	.054	....	.169	.173
Feb. 9	.097	.105	.445	....	.181	.168	.053	....	.168	.171
Feb. 16	.096	.105	.443	....	.181	.169	.053	....	.170	.172
Feb. 23	.096	.106	.422	....	.180	.164	.053	....	.170	.172
Mar. 2	.095	.105	.434	....	.179	.170	.052	....	.169	.172
Mar. 9	.095	.105	.421	....	.182	.169	.051	....	.168	.172
Mar. 16	.095	.105	.399	....	.182	.169	.050	....	.169	.172
Mar. 23	.094	.104	.382	....	.182	.169	.048	....	.169	.171
Mar. 30	.094	.104	.367	....	.182	.169	.046	....	.170	.173
Apr. 6	.094	.105	.352	....	.181	.170	.045	....	.169	.173
Apr. 13	.094	.106	.334	....	.180	.169	.044	....	.169	.175
Apr. 20	.093	.106	.330	....	.180	.169	.044	....	.169	.175
Apr. 27	.093	.106	.329	....	.179	.170	.045	....	.170	.176
May 4	.093	.107	.331	....	.179	.169	.046	....	.169	.176
May 11	.093	.103	.327	....	.179	.169	.049	....	.170	.177
May 18	.093	.108	.323	....	.177	.171	.049	....	.168	.175
May 25	.093	.108	.317	....	.177	.171	.051	....	.169	.177
June 1	.098	.108	.313	....	.177	.177	.053	....	.169	.176
June 8	.092	.108	.444	....	.175	.170	.054	....	.163	.177
June 15	.093	.109	.449	....	.178	.169	.056	....	.167	.176
June 22	.093	.109	.454	....	.175	.172	.055	....	.163	.176
June 29	.093	.109	.478	....	.175	.171	.056	....	.164	.177
July 6	.093	.108	.619	....	.174	.170	.056	....	.164	.179
July 13	.094	.109	.607	....	.174	.171	.057	....	.163	.179
July 20	.094	.109	.602	....	.173	.171	.057	....	.165	.178
July 27	.094	.109	.579	....	.173	.173	.057	....	.165	.182
Aug. 3	.095	.109	.568	....	.172	.170	.057	....	.166	.179
Aug. 10	.095	.110	.564	....	.173	.169	.057	....	.167	.181
Aug. 17	.095	.109	.569	....	.172	.170	.057	....	.167	.181
Aug. 24	.095	.111	.568	....	.173	.171	.057	....	.168	.181
Aug. 31	.095	.112	.569	....	.173	.170	.057	....	.170	.182
Sept. 7	.096	.114	.578	....	.171	.169	.056	....	.170	.184
Sept. 14	.097	.115	.574	....	.172	.169	.055	....	.171	.184
Sept. 21	.100	.118	.574	....	.171	.168	.055	....	.172	.183
Sept. 28	.102	.119	.572	....	.170	.168	.053	....	.173	.183

\* Indicates no quotations from Canada, or, if quoted, are quoted on unit bases not readily reduced to the United States unit.

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Average price for	Canned tomatoes (No. 2 can)		Canned peas (No. 2 can)		Canned corn (No. 2 can)		Canned salmon, red (No. 1 can)	
	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada
The year	\$.166	\$.163	\$.178	\$.196	\$.173	\$.231	\$.282	\$.302
Week ending 1917								
Oct. 6	.168	.141	.175	.160	.175	.189	.272	.264
Oct. 13	.169	.141	.181	.161	.178	.190	.271	.261
Oct. 20	.168	.143	.179	.170	.178	.196	.270	.269
Oct. 27	.168	.147	.177	.176	.178	.203	.271	.272
Nov. 3	.167	.149	.175	.179	.174	.210	.271	.275
Nov. 10	.167	.154	.177	.188	.175	.225	.271	.281
Nov. 17	.165	.152	.176	.186	.173	.216	.272	.278
Nov. 24	.165	.153	.175	.187	.173	.219	.272	.290
Dec. 1	.163	.154	.177	.188	.171	.225	.271	.281
Dec. 8	.161	.154	.171	.189	.173	.223	.270	.287
Dec. 15	.162	.155	.175	.192	.170	.226	.275	.290
Dec. 22	.159	.155	.177	.193	.170	.225	.275	.289
Dec. 29	.161	.155	.176	.193	.170	.227	.276	.289
1918								
Jan. 5	.161	.164	.177	.193	.172	.229	.275	.288
Jan. 12	.161	.165	.176	.193	.170	.230	.274	.293
Jan. 19	.163	.167	.176	.194	.170	.231	.275	.295
Jan. 26	.163	.165	.179	.194	.172	.232	.276	.295
Feb. 2	.164	.166	.177	.195	.171	.232	.273	.297
Feb. 9	.163	.166	.176	.197	.170	.231	.274	.293
Feb. 16	.162	.165	.176	.197	.171	.232	.275	.293
Feb. 23	.163	.166	.178	.198	.172	.232	.278	.298
Mar. 2	.165	.165	.180	.201	.172	.233	.280	.303
Mar. 9	.164	.166	.173	.199	.168	.234	.272	.303
Mar. 16	.165	.165	.175	.198	.170	.233	.272	.307
Mar. 23	.165	.167	.177	.199	.171	.234	.273	.305
Mar. 30	.165	.167	.176	.198	.171	.234	.272	.306
Apr. 6	.166	.167	.177	.198	.171	.234	.274	.304
Apr. 13	.166	.167	.178	.200	.171	.236	.274	.306
Apr. 20	.166	.167	.178	.199	.173	.236	.274	.306
Apr. 27	.166	.166	.179	.199	.172	.234	.275	.308
May 4	.166	.168	.177	.201	.172	.236	.275	.308
May 11	.168	.167	.179	.200	.173	.236	.277	.311
May 18	.166	.168	.178	.203	.173	.238	.276	.310
May 25	.166	.168	.177	.202	.173	.239	.276	.315
June 1	.168	.168	.179	.203	.174	.240	.279	.309
June 8	.164	.168	.177	.204	.171	.239	.291	.313
June 15	.162	.170	.176	.204	.172	.239	.293	.314
June 22	.163	.169	.176	.204	.172	.240	.294	.313
June 29	.165	.169	.177	.203	.172	.239	.295	.314
July 6	.165	.169	.177	.204	.173	.240	.296	.315
July 13	.166	.170	.178	.204	.173	.241	.296	.316
July 20	.166	.171	.178	.204	.173	.242	.298	.317
July 27	.167	.171	.177	.205	.174	.242	.298	.315
Aug. 3	.168	.171	.179	.203	.175	.243	.300	.319
Aug. 10	.168	.171	.178	.203	.176	.243	.300	.319
Aug. 17	.168	.171	.181	.203	.177	.245	.300	.323
Aug. 24	.169	.169	.181	.202	.178	.244	.301	.325
Aug. 31	.170	.169	.183	.202	.179	.243	.303	.323
Sept. 7	.171	.169	.183	.202	.179	.243	.303	.324
Sept. 14	.172	.167	.184	.201	.182	.243	.304	.324
Sept. 21	.172	.169	.185	.201	.182	.244	.305	.327
Sept. 28	.173	.170	.187	.202	.183	.245	.308	.330



TABLE V—(Concluded).

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Average price for	Fish lb.		Hens lb.		Tea lb.		Coffee lb.	
	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada
The year	\$.247	\$.180	\$.323	*	\$.626	\$.540	\$.304	\$.422
Week ending 1917								
Oct. 6	.227	.180	.279	....	.616	.493	.318	.405
Oct. 13	.224	.180	.289	....	.621	.493	.321	.405
Oct. 20	.231	.186	.285	....	.617	.494	.320	.403
Oct. 27	.242	.180	.285	....	.612	.493	.314	.403
Nov. 3	.229	.183	.281	....	.619	.496	.317	.402
Nov. 10	.236	.178	.278	....	.617	.493	.316	.399
Nov. 17	.235	.181	.279	....	.614	.497	.319	.401
Nov. 24	.230	.178	.278	....	.626	.497	.320	.402
Dec. 1	.235	.178	.279	....	.615	.493	.315	.399
Dec. 8	.237	.180	.279	....	.628	.496	.317	.401
Dec. 15	.236	.182	.282	....	.625	.500	.318	.404
Dec. 22	.247	.185	.284	....	.627	.502	.321	.403
Dec. 29	.249	.179	.287	....	.634	.502	.321	.407
1918								
Jan. 5	.251	.178	.291	....	.631	.501	.320	.405
Jan. 12	.249	.180	.292	....	.626	.504	.318	.405
Jan. 19	.256	.185	.296	....	.626	.501	.320	.404
Jan. 26	.265	.183	.302	....	.629	.503	.321	.405
Feb. 2	.263	.183	.309	....	.625	.505	.319	.405
Feb. 9	.259	.180	.315	....	.627	.508	.320	.406
Feb. 16	.264	.176	.321	....	.633	.511	.319	.402
Feb. 23	.258	.178	.328	....	.631	.509	.318	.407
Mar. 2	.265	.172	.326	....	.633	.510	.320	.407
Mar. 9	.257	.180	.339	....	.619	.511	.307	.407
Mar. 16	.256	.183	.340	....	.624	.511	.305	.408
Mar. 23	.257	.179	.337	....	.624	.512	.306	.407
Mar. 30	.258	.180	.351	....	.615	.511	.305	.409
Apr. 6	.254	.178	.354	....	.618	.511	.305	.409
Apr. 13	.251	.182	.356	....	.628	.511	.306	.412
Apr. 20	.252	.185	.349	....	.629	.511	.306	.409
Apr. 27	.250	.184	.341	....	.627	.512	.305	.410
May 4	.243	.186	.345	....	.631	.516	.309	.409
May 11	.247	.187	.342	....	.628	.556	.305	.422
May 18	.245	.188	.339	....	.630	.573	.304	.429
May 25	.243	.181	.340	....	.631	.583	.305	.435
June 1	.244	.182	.340	....	.632	.586	.302	.442
June 8	.242	.180	.339	....	.628	.585	.292	.439
June 15	.241	.183	.340	....	.617	.581	.287	.444
June 22	.240	.181	.341	....	.625	.580	.287	.444
June 29	.243	.179	.341	....	.619	.593	.286	.442
July 6	.244	.183	.342	....	.622	.599	.285	.445
July 13	.245	.178	.342	....	.626	.597	.284	.447
July 20	.248	.179	.343	....	.629	.600	.285	.446
July 27	.258	.183	.343	....	.622	.597	.283	.457
Aug. 3	.248	.180	.346	....	.625	.594	.285	.459
Aug. 10	.248	.179	.349	....	.626	.605	.284	.449
Aug. 17	.247	.183	.345	....	.630	.608	.285	.450
Aug. 24	.251	.175	.351	....	.634	.609	.284	.456
Aug. 31	.249	.177	.349	....	.630	.605	.283	.451
Sept. 7	.253	.177	.351	....	.630	.609	.284	.451
Sept. 14	.255	.172	.352	....	.643	.606	.285	.450
Sept. 21	.255	.172	.354	....	.632	.609	.283	.456
Sept. 28	.256	.174	.347	....	.640	.609	.284	.451

\* Indicates no quotations from Canada.

TABLE VI (A).

AVERAGE AND RELATIVE WEEKLY RETAIL PRICES ON THE COMMODITIES NAMED, FROM THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 6, 1917, TO SEPTEMBER 28, 1918 (THE AVERAGE PRICE FOR OCTOBER 1917, TAKEN AS 100).

	Wheat flour 1/16 bbl. bag		Cornmeal lb.		Rice lb.		Potatoes lb.	
	Average price	Relative price	Average price	Relative price	Average price	Relative price	Average price	Relative price
Average	\$.848	100.0	\$.068	100.0	\$.110	100.0	\$.434	100.0
Week ending 1917								
Oct. 6...	.869	102.5	.068	100.0	.109	99.1	.419	96.5
Oct. 13...	.839	98.9	.069	101.5	.109	99.1	.420	96.8
Oct. 20...	.839	98.9	.068	100.0	.110	100.0	.433	99.8
Oct. 27...	.849	100.1	.068	100.0	.111	100.9	.447	103.0
Nov. 3...	.844	99.5	.068	100.0	.110	100.0	.449	103.5
Nov. 10...	.834	98.3	.068	100.0	.110	100.0	.448	103.2
Nov. 17...	.834	98.3	.067	98.5	.112	101.8	.451	103.9
Nov. 24...	.834	98.3	.069	101.5	.111	100.9	.451	103.9
Dec. 1...	.834	98.3	.068	100.0	.112	101.8	.445	102.5
Dec. 8...	.824	97.2	.068	100.0	.112	101.8	.442	101.8
Dec. 15...	.824	97.2	.068	100.0	.113	102.7	.440	101.4
Dec. 22...	.824	97.2	.068	100.0	.112	101.8	.439	101.1
Dec. 29...	.819	96.6	.068	100.0	.112	101.8	.441	101.6
1918								
Jan. 5...	.824	97.2	.068	100.0	.114	103.6	.442	101.8
Jan. 12...	.819	96.6	.068	100.0	.114	103.6	.442	101.8
Jan. 19...	.819	96.6	.069	101.5	.114	103.6	.444	102.3
Jan. 26...	.819	96.6	.068	100.0	.114	103.6	.444	102.3
Feb. 2...	.824	97.2	.068	100.0	.115	104.5	.450	103.7
Feb. 9...	.814	96.0	.067	98.5	.115	104.5	.445	102.5
Feb. 16...	.814	96.0	.068	100.0	.115	104.5	.443	102.1
Feb. 23...	.824	97.2	.068	100.0	.117	106.4	.422	97.2
Mar. 2...	.819	96.6	.069	101.5	.116	105.5	.434	100.0
Mar. 9...	.824	97.2	.069	101.5	.117	106.4	.421	97.0
Mar. 16...	.829	97.7	.069	101.5	.118	107.3	.399	91.9
Mar. 23...	.824	97.2	.069	101.5	.118	107.3	.382	88.0
Mar. 30...	.824	97.2	.069	101.5	.118	107.3	.367	84.6
Apr. 6...	.819	96.6	.069	101.5	.118	107.3	.352	81.1
Apr. 13...	.824	97.2	.071	104.4	.119	108.2	.334	76.9
Apr. 20...	.824	97.2	.069	101.5	.120	109.1	.330	76.0
Apr. 27...	.824	97.2	.069	101.5	.119	108.2	.329	75.8
May 4...	.824	97.2	.069	101.5	.120	109.1	.331	76.3
May 11...	.824	97.2	.069	101.5	.121	110.0	.327	75.3
May 18...	.824	97.2	.069	101.5	.121	110.0	.323	74.4
May 25...	.824	97.2	.068	100.0	.121	110.0	.317	73.0
June 1...	.824	97.2	.068	100.0	.122	110.9	.313	72.1
June 8...	.828	97.6	.067	98.5	.123	111.8	.331	76.3
June 15...	.820	96.7	.066	97.1	.123	111.8	.325	74.9
June 22...	.831	98.0	.065	95.6	.125	113.6	.334	76.9
June 29...	.828	97.6	.066	97.1	.125	113.6	.346	79.7
July 6...	.827	97.5	.067	98.5	.126	114.5	.619	142.6
July 13...	.828	97.6	.065	95.6	.127	115.5	.607	139.9
July 20...	.831	98.0	.066	97.1	.128	116.4	.602	138.7
July 27...	.833	98.2	.065	95.6	.129	117.3	.579	133.4
Aug. 3...	.836	98.6	.067	98.5	.129	117.3	.568	130.9
Aug. 10...	.836	98.6	.066	97.1	.131	119.1	.564	129.9
Aug. 17...	.837	98.7	.067	98.5	.132	120.0	.569	131.1
Aug. 24...	.839	98.9	.066	97.1	.133	120.9	.568	130.9
Aug. 31...	.837	98.7	.066	97.1	.134	121.8	.569	131.1
Sept. 7...	.840	99.1	.066	97.1	.134	121.8	.578	133.2
Sept. 14...	.836	98.6	.066	97.1	.135	122.7	.574	132.3
Sept. 21...	.834	98.3	.066	97.1	.136	123.6	.574	132.3
Sept. 28...	.837	98.7	.066	97.1	.136	123.6	.572	131.8

TABLE VI (B).

AVERAGE AND RELATIVE WEEKLY RETAIL PRICES ON COMMODITIES NAMED, FROM THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 6, 1917, TO SEPTEMBER 28, 1918. (THE AVERAGE PRICE FOR OCTOBER 1917 TAKEN AS 100.)

	Round steak lb.		Bacon lb.		Pork chops lb.		Lard lb.	
	Average price	Relative price	Average price	Relative price	Average price	Relative price	Average price	Relative price
Average	\$.293	100.0	\$.472	100.0	\$.369	100.0	\$.312	100.0
Week ending 1917								
Oct. 6...	.291	99.3	.462	97.9	.368	99.7	.308	98.7
Oct. 13...	.295	100.7	.468	99.1	.375	101.6	.311	99.7
Oct. 20...	.294	100.3	.475	100.6	.371	100.5	.313	100.3
Oct. 27...	.292	99.7	.478	101.3	.368	99.7	.314	100.6
Nov. 3...	.292	99.7	.478	101.3	.362	98.1	.315	101.0
Nov. 10...	.289	98.6	.479	101.5	.353	95.7	.318	101.9
Nov. 17...	.290	99.0	.477	101.1	.352	95.4	.324	103.8
Nov. 24...	.290	99.0	.483	102.3	.352	95.4	.327	104.8
Dec. 1...	.288	98.3	.481	101.9	.348	94.3	.331	106.1
Dec. 8...	.288	98.3	.483	102.3	.347	94.0	.332	106.4
Dec. 15...	.289	98.6	.482	102.1	.346	93.8	.332	106.4
Dec. 22...	.290	99.0	.484	102.5	.346	93.8	.333	106.7
Dec. 29...	.289	98.6	.489	103.6	.346	93.8	.332	106.4
1918								
Jan. 5...	.290	99.0	.489	103.6	.350	94.9	.334	107.1
Jan. 12...	.292	99.7	.488	103.4	.346	93.8	.332	106.4
Jan. 19...	.294	100.3	.488	103.4	.346	93.8	.332	106.4
Jan. 26...	.295	100.7	.491	104.0	.345	93.5	.331	106.1
Feb. 2...	.298	101.7	.493	104.4	.347	94.0	.333	106.7
Feb. 9...	.298	101.7	.492	104.2	.345	93.5	.333	106.7
Feb. 16...	.298	101.7	.491	104.0	.343	92.9	.333	106.7
Feb. 23...	.300	102.4	.488	103.4	.344	93.2	.332	106.4
Mar. 2...	.301	102.7	.491	104.0	.342	92.7	.333	106.7
Mar. 9...	.301	102.7	.482	102.1	.339	91.9	.331	106.1
Mar. 16...	.303	103.4	.482	102.1	.341	92.4	.332	106.4
Mar. 23...	.305	104.1	.486	103.0	.343	92.9	.332	106.4
Mar. 30...	.307	104.8	.484	102.5	.343	92.9	.332	106.4
Apr. 6...	.311	106.1	.488	103.4	.344	93.2	.333	106.7
Apr. 13...	.317	108.2	.490	103.8	.347	94.0	.333	106.7
Apr. 20...	.329	112.3	.494	104.7	.350	94.9	.333	106.7
Apr. 27...	.335	114.3	.494	104.7	.353	95.7	.334	107.1
May 4...	.343	117.1	.496	105.1	.355	96.2	.332	106.4
May 11...	.345	117.7	.494	104.7	.356	96.5	.332	106.4
May 18...	.351	119.8	.497	105.3	.359	97.3	.333	106.7
May 25...	.354	120.8	.496	105.1	.359	97.3	.331	106.1
June 1...	.357	121.8	.502	106.3	.361	97.8	.331	106.1
June 8...	.365	124.6	.506	107.2	.365	98.9	.330	105.8
June 15...	.377	128.7	.507	107.4	.369	100.0	.329	105.4
June 22...	.379	129.3	.511	108.3	.368	99.7	.327	104.8
June 29...	.379	129.3	.511	108.3	.371	100.5	.330	105.8
July 6...	.377	128.7	.512	108.5	.370	100.3	.327	104.8
July 13...	.378	129.0	.511	108.3	.372	100.8	.328	105.1
July 20...	.378	129.0	.514	108.9	.375	101.6	.329	105.4
July 27...	.374	127.6	.514	108.9	.367	99.5	.327	104.8
Aug. 3...	.375	128.0	.519	109.9	.381	103.3	.329	105.4
Aug. 10...	.377	128.7	.522	110.6	.386	104.6	.328	105.1
Aug. 17...	.374	127.6	.524	111.0	.391	106.0	.330	105.8
Aug. 24...	.377	128.7	.527	111.7	.399	108.1	.332	106.4
Aug. 31...	.377	128.7	.533	112.9	.401	108.7	.333	106.7
Sept. 7...	.380	129.7	.534	113.1	.409	110.8	.333	106.7
Sept. 14...	.380	129.7	.541	114.6	.418	113.3	.335	107.4
Sept. 21...	.382	130.4	.548	116.1	.426	115.4	.336	107.7
Sept. 28...	.381	130.0	.554	117.4	.430	116.5	.336	107.7

TABLE VII.

STATEMENT SHOWING AVERAGE OF PRICES, WEEK BY WEEK, DURING THE QUARTERLY PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 5, 1918, TO DECEMBER 28, 1918, ON 28 STAPLE FOOD ARTICLES FOR THE UNITED STATES AND ON 22 FOR CANADA

Average price for	Wheat flour 1/16 bbl. bag		Wheat bread lb.		Corn- meal, bulk lb.	Oatmeal, bulk lb.		Rice lb.	
	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	United States	Canada	United States	Canada
The quarter	\$.826	\$.823	\$.098	\$.079	\$.064	\$.082	\$.082	\$.138	\$.124
Week ending									
Oct. 5....	.834	.815	.099	.073	.066	.085	.081	.137	.122
Oct. 13....	.834	.822	.099	.080	.066	.083	.081	.138	.123
Oct. 19....	.833	.821	.099	.080	.066	.085	.082	.139	.121
Oct. 26....	.832	.820	.099	.080	.066	.086	.081	.139	.124
Nov. 2....	.831	.823	.099	.080	.066	.081	.083	.139	.124
Nov. 9....	.828	.822	.098	.079	.065	.080	.082	.139	.124
Nov. 16....	.824	.830	.098	.078	.064	.080	.082	.139	.123
Nov. 23....	.821	.829	.098	.079	.064	.081	.082	.139	.125
Nov. 30....	.822	.823	.098	.079	.063	.081	.081	.138	.125
Dec. 7....	.822	.825	.099	.079	.063	.080	.082	.139	.125
Dec. 14....	.822	*	.098	*	.063	.080	*	.138	*
Dec. 21....	.818	*	.097	*	.063	.080	*	.138	*
Dec. 28....	.813	*	.099	*	.063	.079	*	.138	*

  

Average price for	Steak, round lb.		Bacon lb.		Ham lb.	Pork chops lb.		Lard lb.	
	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	United States	Canada	United States	Canada
The quarter	\$.374	\$.315	\$.574	\$.541	\$.521	\$.414	\$.401	\$.340	\$.371
Week ending									
Oct. 5....	.381	.349	.562	.544	.514	.435	.405	.340	.372
Oct. 12....	.381	.347	.563	.539	.514	.432	.408	.340	.369
Oct. 19....	.377	.347	.566	.539	.515	.427	.403	.340	.370
Oct. 26....	.376	.345	.570	.541	.518	.421	.407	.341	.371
Nov. 2....	.374	.343	.571	.539	.519	.415	.402	.341	.372
Nov. 9....	.373	.360	.574	.543	.520	.413	.400	.339	.373
Nov. 16....	.375	.342	.575	.539	.511	.414	.398	.341	.369
Nov. 23....	.371	.339	.576	.539	.523	.411	.398	.340	.371
Nov. 30....	.373	.338	.575	.544	.523	.410	.395	.342	.370
Dec. 7....	.369	.338	.579	.542	.526	.406	.396	.341	.369
Dec. 14....	.371	*	.582	*	.526	.404	*	.340	*
Dec. 21....	.370	*	.581	*	.529	.401	*	.340	*
Dec. 28....	.376	*	.587	*	.532	.399	*	.339	*

\* Indicates no quotations from Canada.

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Average price for	Milk qt.		Butter lb.		Oleo-mar-garine lb.	Cheese lb.		Eggs, fresh doz.	
	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	United States	Canada	United States	Canada
The quarter	\$.143	\$.109	\$.663	\$.565	\$.381	\$.402	\$.319	\$.639	\$.642
Week ending									
Oct. 5....	.137	.105	.635	.540	.371	.375	.311	.543	.577
Oct. 12....	.139	.106	.635	.551	.374	.378	.313	.555	.596
Oct. 19....	.140	.106	.635	.556	.375	.384	.313	.564	.603
Oct. 26....	.140	.106	.637	.561	.377	.389	.315	.583	.617
Nov. 2....	.142	.108	.640	.564	.381	.395	.319	.605	.636
Nov. 9....	.143	.111	.645	.571	.382	.399	.321	.622	.656
Nov. 16....	.144	.112	.651	.574	.383	.402	.321	.641	.648
Nov. 23....	.145	.113	.664	.577	.383	.406	.323	.669	.687
Nov. 30....	.146	.113	.673	.577	.384	.411	.330	.691	.697
Dec. 7....	.146	.114	.688	.576	.385	.415	.325	.705	.701
Dec. 14....	.147	*	.701	*	.386	.422	*	.709	*
Dec. 21....	.146	*	.709	*	.386	.424	*	.720	*
Dec. 28....	.147	*	.707	*	.387	.428	*	.704	*

  

Average price for	Sugar lb.		Potatoes pk.		Beans, white lb.		Onions lb.	Prunes lb.	
	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	United States	Canada
The quarter	\$.108	\$.122	\$.503	*	\$.163	\$.165	\$.047	\$.177	\$.189
Week ending									
Oct. 5....	.104	.121	.560	*	.169	.167	.052	.175	.183
Oct. 12....	.105	.121	.540	*	.168	.167	.051	.176	.186
Oct. 19....	.106	.121	.531	*	.169	.165	.049	.178	.186
Oct. 26....	.107	.122	.517	*	.167	.165	.048	.170	.187
Nov. 2....	.107	.122	.495	*	.166	.165	.048	.177	.188
Nov. 9....	.108	.122	.506	*	.166	.166	.047	.178	.191
Nov. 16....	.108	.121	.494	*	.163	.165	.046	.178	.191
Nov. 23....	.109	.122	.489	*	.162	.163	.045	.176	.195
Nov. 30....	.109	.124	.484	*	.161	.162	.045	.179	.193
Dec. 7....	.109	.123	.479	*	.159	.160	.045	.178	.193
Dec. 14....	.109	*	.474	*	.158	*	.045	.179	*
Dec. 21....	.109	*	.476	*	.157	*	.044	.179	*
Dec. 28....	.109	*	.490	*	.158	*	.046	.180	*

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Average price for	Canned tomatoes No. 2 can		Canned peas No. 2 can		Canned corn No. 2 can		Canned salmon tall red No. 1 can	
	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada	United States	Canada
The quarter	\$.176	\$.165	\$.191	\$.198	\$.188	\$.242	\$.314	\$.336
The week ending								
Oct. 5.....	.175	.169	.188	.200	.186	.242	.308	.333
Oct. 12.....	.174	.169	.189	.200	.186	.243	.308	.330
Oct. 19.....	.175	.168	.190	.202	.186	.246	.310	.334
Oct. 26.....	.174	.167	.189	.199	.187	.244	.312	.336
Nov. 2.....	.175	.165	.191	.199	.189	.244	.313	.336
Nov. 9.....	.175	.165	.191	.200	.189	.242	.313	.338
Nov. 16.....	.176	.164	.190	.198	.189	.242	.315	.337
Nov. 23.....	.176	.161	.191	.194	.189	.239	.316	.337
Nov. 30.....	.176	.159	.193	.194	.189	.242	.315	.341
Dec. 7.....	.176	.158	.193	.193	.190	.239	.317	.337
Dec. 14.....	.179	*	.193	*	.189	*	.317	*
Dec. 21.....	.179	*	.192	*	.189	*	.317	*
Dec. 28.....	.179	*	.194	*	.190	*	.317	*

  

Average price for	Fish lb.		Hens lb.	Tea lb.		Coffee lb.	
	United States	Canada	United States	United States	Canada	United States	Canada
The quarter	\$.258	\$.176	\$.353	\$.651	\$.621	\$.291	\$.463
The week ending							
Oct. 5.....	.256	.173	.353	.645	.610	.285	.455
Oct. 12.....	.261	.178	.353	.641	.616	.284	.459
Oct. 19.....	.251	.176	.352	.646	.617	.285	.461
Oct. 26.....	.253	.175	.355	.650	.622	.286	.461
Nov. 2.....	.254	.175	.355	.645	.624	.288	.465
Nov. 9.....	.257	.175	.355	.653	.623	.286	.464
Nov. 16.....	.257	.177	.350	.651	.620	.288	.462
Nov. 23.....	.256	.174	.353	.662	.621	.290	.468
Nov. 30.....	.259	.178	.355	.656	.625	.290	.464
Dec. 7.....	.259	.178	.351	.650	.627	.294	.466
Dec. 14.....	.260	*	.351	.653	*	.298	*
Dec. 21.....	.265	*	.351	.648	*	.303	*
Dec. 28.....	.263	*	.351	.657	*	.303	*

\* Indicates no quotations from Canada.